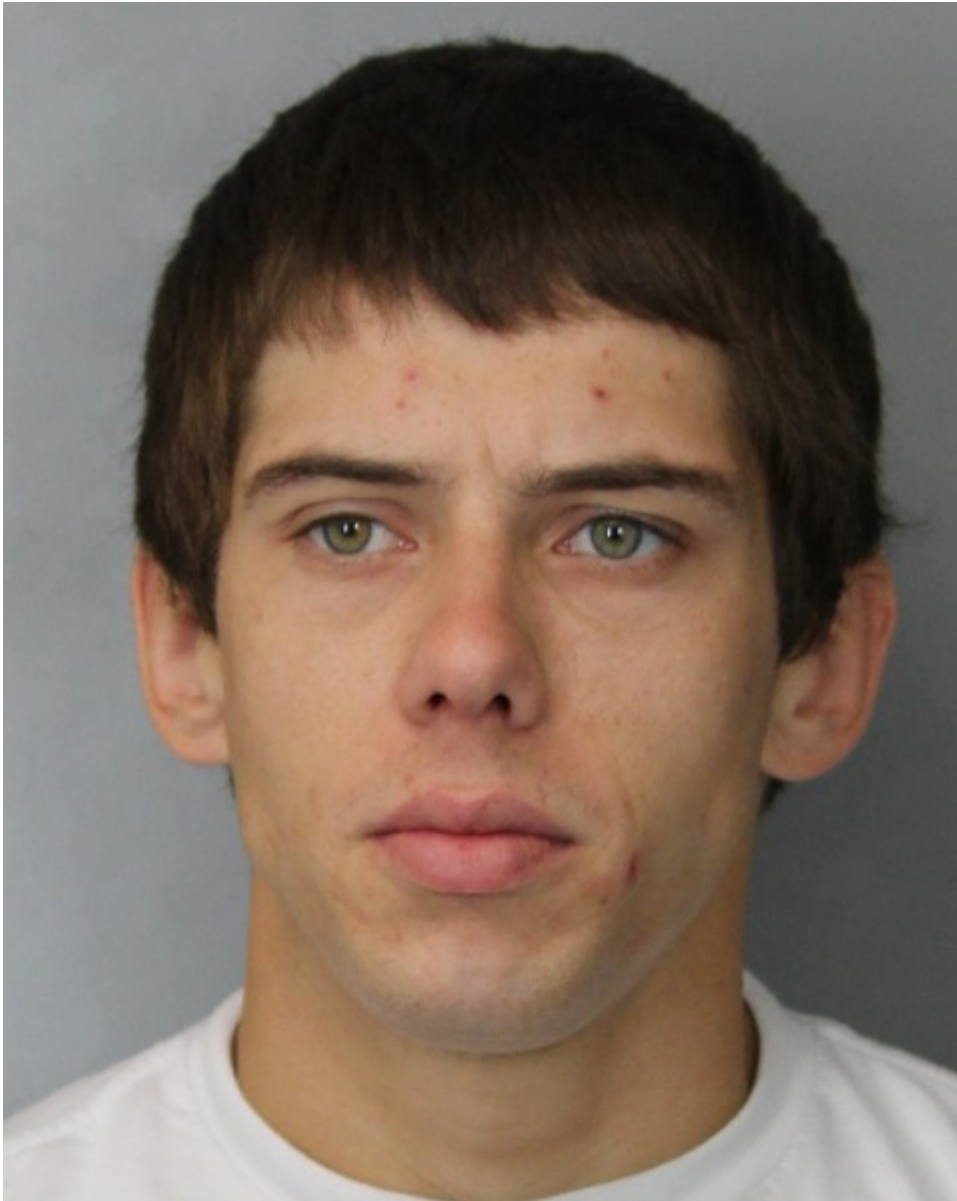


Millsboro Man Arrested for Kidnapping, Robbery, and Home Invasion-Rehoboth Beach



Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Millsboro man after he entered a residence armed, assaulted the victims, and then kidnapped them.

The incident occurred on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at approximately 9:43 a.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the M&T Bank located at 19511 Camelot Drive, in reference to a

victim reporting she was kidnapped and her vehicle was stolen. Upon arrival, contact was made with an 81-year-old female victim who stated that a suspect left the bank with her husband in the trunk of her vehicle. The vehicle was located parked behind the Subway at 19470 Coastal Highway. The victim's 82-year-old husband was located and the suspect had fled on foot.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect, 28-year-old **Steven Snell** had responded to the victims' residence located in the Rehoboth Beach Yacht and Country Club earlier this morning. Snell entered the residence through an open garage door and once inside, he made contact with the male victim, and asked to use the house phone. After Snell used the phone, he asked the victim for a drink. The victim provided Snell with a drink of water and when he proceeded to turn around, Snell grabbed him from behind and put a box cutter to his throat. A brief struggle ensued in which the victim received a laceration to his chin. The victim proceeded to yell for his wife who was upstairs. As the victim's wife proceeded downstairs, she was met by Snell who pushed her to the floor. Snell then proceeded to obtain rope that he had in his book bag and tied the male victim's arms behind his back and his feet together. Snell then took an undisclosed amount of cash out of the male's pocket and the female's purse, along with a M&T Bank Card. Snell then placed the male into the trunk of the victim's vehicle and the female in the front passengers seat and left the residence. As they arrived at M&T Bank, Snell ordered the female to the ATM machine to withdraw cash. After the female withdrew an undisclosed amount of cash, she tried to hold onto a railing as Snell began to try and pull her back to the vehicle. A customer had arrived at this time and observed what was going on, at which point Snell let the female go and fled the area in the vehicle with her husband still inside the trunk. The female then proceeded into the bank and requested help.

While still in the trunk, the male realized the vehicle had come to a stop. He was able to free his hands, locate a release button inside the trunk, and exit the vehicle. The male victim was treated at the scene and the female victim was not injured during this incident.

Through investigative measures, Troopers were able to identify Snell as the suspect. Snell was later apprehended without incident at a residence located in Potnets, Creek Side, Millsboro. He was transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with 2 counts of Kidnapping First Degree, 3 counts of Robbery First Degree Displays What Appears to be a Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Home Invasion, Assault Second Degree, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, and Offensive Touching. Snell was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$362,100.00 cash only bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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